1. A Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Abid Husain, Member, Planning Commission, has been appointed to examine the various aspects of the functioning of CSIR and to suggest measures to be taken for improvement.

2. An Additional Director-General has been appointed for achieving better coordination and to establish linkages between CSIR and Industry.

3. Various steps towards modernisation in CSIR have been taken to remove mediocrity and to bring in more efficiency. These include computerisation, training and re-training.

1037. [*Transferred to the 12th August,* 1986].

Rejuvenation of West Bengal Economy

1038. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any package programme under their consideration for rejuvenating the West Bengal economy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Economic Development of West Bengal is being undertaken through Plans which are formulated on the basis of the State's proposals and after detailed discussion with them keeping in view the available resources. Apart from these plans, there is no package under consideration of the Central Government for rejuvenating the West Bengal's economy. Basically it is for the State Government to devise schemes for this purpose and include the same in their plan proposals for discussion and finalisation.

Resolution of abolish Tamil Nadu Legislative Council

1039. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Governor of Tamil Nadu publicly criticised the manner in which the resolution abolishing the State Legislative Council was passed by the State Legislative Assembly; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Resolution of Ram Janama Bhoomi-Babari Masjid dispute

1040. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the serious Communal situation developing in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh over Ram Janama Bhoomi-Babari Masjid issue;

(b) if so, whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to convene a meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Integration Council to discuss the same and find a solution to the problem; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) be in the negative, what other steps are proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Integration Council has been convened to meet on 12th September, 1986 to discuss the former Prime Minister's programme for Welfare of Minorities. No date for a meeting of the Standing Committee has yet been fixed.

(c) The Central Government is in constant touch with the State Governments concerned to ensure that there is communal harmony in these States.

Delay in completion of projects

1041. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of projects in different States are lagging behind schedule;

(b) if so, what are the names of such projects;

(c) what are the reasons for delay;

(d) what is the amount of cost escalation due to delay; and

(e) what steps have been taken to expedite completion thereof and what is the rescheduled time of their completion?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The list is enclosed. (*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 61).

(c) The reasons for delay of the projects include the problems concerning acquisition of land, critical equipment and material supplies by the suppliers (imported as well as indigenous), finalisation of detailed engineering drawings, lack of infrastructural facilities and services, law & order disturbances, mis-matching progress of vendors, suppliers, change in scope, inadequate allocation of funds, inefficient working of contractors, labour problems, etc.

(d) There are various reasons for overall cost escalation of projects. It is not possible to identify the reason(s) of cost escalation due to delay alone.

(e) The following steps are being taken to expedite the implementation of these projects:

(i) Preparation of realistic project implementation plants.

(ii) Effective monitoring through Monthly Flash Report and Quarterly Status Report Monitoring System.

(iii) Constant pressure on project authorities for expeditious completion.

(iv) Inter-Ministerial coordination and inter-action.

(v) Close follow-up by concerned Ministries and project authorities with State Governments, equipment suppliers, Consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays.

The rescheduled time of completion of these projects is indicated in the list referred to in part (b) of the answer.

Deal for advanced jet trainer aircraft

1042. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MIISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a deal for the purchase of modern advanced jet trainer aircraft for the Indian Air Force has been finalised by Government with any foreign country;

(b) if so, what is the name of that country;

(c) what are the terms of the agreement; and

(d) what is the amount of foreign exchange involved in this deal?